The Evening Star.

No. 20,305.

UNITE IN PROTEST OF HOSPITAL SITE

Location at 14th and Upshur Streets Northwest.

PLEA TO DISTRICT HEADS AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

zens' Associations, Board of Trade and Other Civic Bodies.

owners that ever assembled in the District building united in a vigorous appeal to the Commissioners today that they go before Congress and ask to have the proposed municipal hospital under consideration, at 14th and Upshur streets northwest.

It is estimated that 600 protestants filled the boardroom. Eight citizens associations, the Federation of Citi zens' Associations, Board of Trade mothers' and teachers' organizations and other civic bodies sent delegates to protest against the proposed site the District has owned for bout sixteen years.

D. Cameron expressed the attitude opposition in a sentence when "The northwest section will be he said: "The northwest section will be behind the Commissioners as a stone wall if the hospital is built on the present site on the eastern branch; it will be in front of the Commissioners as a stonewall if they attempt to locate the hospital at 14th and Upshur streets."

"Telling Points" Aplauded.

George A. Finch of the Piney Branch Association made the opening address nd introduced the other speakers. The lession, which lasted more than two hours, frequently was interrupted by bursts of applause as telling points

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Sightseers Annoy Officers.

The officers also were annoyed by the hundreds of sightseers who visited the name and institution caring for mental cases and patients of an undesirable character.

Bepresents Board of Trade.

Suggestion that the site be devoted to other many and insisted on special privilege of being allowed to inspect every-thing. Under the direction of Miss proach a group in the Woevre district.

"During the rejoin of Vaux. The night of April 29-36 French aeroplane squadrons threw town numerous projectiles on the rail-road station and the supply and munitions station and the supply and munitions station at Sebastopol, south of Thiaucourt; on the railroad line at Etain; on certain bivouacs near Spin-court, and on the railroad line at Etain; on certain bivouacs near Spin-court, and on the railroad line at Etain; on certain bivouacs near Spin-court, and on the railroad line at Etain; on certain bivouacs near Spin-court, and on the railroad line at Etain; on certain bivouacs near Spin-court, and on the railroad line at Etain; on certain bivouacs near Spin-court, and on the railroad line at Etain; on certain bivouacs near Spin-court, and on the railroad line at Eta Mrs. George W. Kernodle, represent-ing the Mothers and Teachers' Asso-lation of Piney Branch, provoked commingled laughter, and enthusiasm

is the country, where the patients would ave a better chance to recover, and tilization of the tract for high school urposes when this need is developed by a continued growth of the community. William V. Cox spoke on the economical aspect of the question, denouncing the plan to locate the hospital at 14th and

knew that the hospital eventually was to be located there. He said he had yet to find a home owner who knew yet to find a home owner this at the time of purchase

Criticism of Methods.

Without referring directly to the Monday Evening Club, which is circulating a mammoth petition in favor of a new hospital, Mr. Finch criticised this method of gaining support of the project, inasmuch as the petitions, he charged, did not state where the hospital was to be located and many per sons had signed under a misunderstanding of the situation.

He said the entire difficulty and agi tation could be removed if the Commis-

liteer S. Ufford, president of the lay Evening Club, explained the lay Evening Club, explained the lon of that body, stating that its desire is to obtain a new hospiand that it has no preference as lite.

site. uis P. Shoemaker of the Bright-Louis P. Shoemaker of the Bright-wood association submitted the pro-test of residents of that section, while T. V. Powderly spoke for Petworth William E. Fowler and Charles A Langley appeared for the Chillum Cas-Heights and Woodburn section

Others in Opposition.

Others who spoke were Frederick Rice of the Columbia Heights association, who urged that steps be taken to arovide a new hospital on the exlating site on the Eastern branch Angus Lamond of the Eastern Star Home, Mrs. Howard G. England of the Brightwood Parents and Teach-Association, C. J. James of the worth association, E. E. Clements, A w. Norton, president of the restaurth Woman's Club: Louis Julian, Wilson F. Gude, Rev. Forest J. Pretage, chaplain of the United States. Senate, who left a memorandum of protein of the Parents and Teachers Assect attent of Right Wood, Park and deal of the Parents and Teachers As-sec at len of Brightwood Park, and laires E. Hoyle, representing the Park View Citizens' Association. The Commissioners thanked the pro-testions for their presence, and stated that they would give the objections careful consideration.

Secret Budgets in Norway.

CHRISTIANIA, April 30, via Lon don. May 1.—The council of state has decided to divide the estimates for the army and navy into public and private army in the secret estimates is 12.282,400 kroner, as compared with 1.200,300 in the public estimates. The secret estimates for the navy are 2.328.800 br second the public, 860,472.

ATTACK AT VERDUN PRESIDENT OPENS IN DENSE MASSES

Six Hundred Residents Oppose Paris Reports Repulse of Ger- Five Hundred Daughters of Soman Assaults North of Dead Man's Hill.

> CROWN PRINCE'S LOSSES ARE DECLARED ENORMOUS

Delegations Represent Eight Citi- Berlin Statement Tells of Failure of National Service School Prepared-French Offensive in Same Neighborhood.

located at some site other than the one defeated by the French, the war office

Counter Attacks Repulsed.

Two simultaneous counter attacks by

there was incessant bombardment. A French aerial squadron bombarded a theirs in time of stress. supply and munitions station south of The text of the communication fol-

enemy, at the end of the day, delivered for a powerful attack in dense formation of Dead Man hill. Our curtain of fire. together with the fire of our machine

Official German Report.

BERLIN, May 1, by wireless to

Verdun.

"A French biplane was shot down in an aerial fight east of Royon. The occupants of the machine were dead."

French attacks on the German positions on the eastern slope of Dead Man's hill and adjoining lines, in the region of Verdun, were repulsed Saturday night after tenacious fighting, according to the official statement issued vesterday.

FOR BIGGER GASOLINE YIELD. Senate Approves Test of Process Under Rittman Patent.

The Senate today adopted a resolution by Senator James authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to receive assignments from Walter F. Rittman of his patent, which is expected greatly to increase the yield of gasoline. Rittman is an employe of the bureau of mines, and the process he has patented promises to return an average of 45 sioners would go immediately to Congress and ask that the appropriation bill be so worded as to preclude the location of the institution at 14th and Upshur streets.

> It was stated, however, in the resolution that Dr. Rittman regined his

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at noon. Judiciary committee again failed to reach a vote on nor tion of Louis D. Brandels for the Supreme Court.
Resumed debate on rural credits

Houses

Met at 11 a.m. Philippine independence bill was considered by unanimous consent, with agreement for general debate of eight hours. Elections committee declared Representative William J. Cary, republican, of Milwaukee, prop-erly seated, despite contest by William J. Gaylord, social demo-

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

The House bill providing for a million-dollar bridge across the Potomac river to replace the Aqueduct bridge was passed by the Senate, with amendments. The Johnson bill providing for the use of the public schools of the District as community forums was introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Hollis of New Hampshire.

CAMP FOR WOMEN

cially Prominent Families in Tents at Chevy Chase.

WILL LEARN WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF WAR IN U. S.

ness Course to Last for

Two Weeks.

scores of Army, Navy and Marine Corps officers and many important United States officials, formally opened the camp with an address at the flag-rais-

ing ceremonies this afternoon. The official indorsement by the execthe Germans on a trench captured yes- utive and the defense arms of the terday by the French north of Cumieres United States government attested the high esteem in which the officers hold At Hill 304 and in the Vaux region this training of the women of the United States for the duties peculiarly

President Wilson in his address paid tribute to the powerful influence for peace exerted by the womanhood of devotion in alleviating suffering during erday west of the River Meuse the the rigors of war. He spoke of the need

together with the fire of our machine guns, caused enormous losses to the enemy, and all the assaults of the Germans were broken.

Unable to Hold Gains.

"North of Cumieres two German resident students lost trunks or other beginning of Wash-beggers and a demutation of Wash-

ffice to perform, but did it most ef- with details of suffering from cold, hedge and started to bid her "good- of twenty-seven, and the suicide of faster than he got in; and a Baltimore

pshur streets as unsound from a business standpoint.

BERLIN. May 1, by wireless to Sayness standpoint.

Wille.—The following announdement to complete standpoint.

"Western front—The situation generally situation

Some of them started in early to acquire a "tan."

The camp loker got to work early and spread the report that the rifle range was not working, because they had no builets, though there was plenty of powder in camp. As a matter of fact, there are no guns or rifle range or anything mannish or military about the camp, except the discipline and some "perfectly lovely" snowy-haired policemen, whose tent is right beside the entrance.

Big Baltimore Delegation.

daughter of Grover Cleveland.

Some of the popular Washington so-Some of the popular Washington so-clety girls who helped to welcome friends from other states were Miss Frances Moore, daughter of the late Clarence Moore; Miss Frances Lippitt, daughter of the senator, and Miss Helen Parker, who spends her winters Helen Parker, who spends her winters in Washington, and came from New-port for the encampment. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Lyman Tiffany.

granddaughter of Mrs. Lyman Tiffany.

The one man who has camp privileges and whose duty it is to "wake 'em up in the morning," is David Kemp, the bugler. He is rated as a "drummer" in the Marine Corps.

The first drill squad was called into action at 10:15 o'clock this morning and was kept busy for a half hour at semaphore work. At first there were some yery awkward attempts to follow directions, but the natural grace of the young women soon asserted itself.

The registration tables were in The registration tables were in charge of Mrs. Reed Russell, Miss E. E. Poe and Lieut. Natalie S. Lincoln.

Officers of the Camp.

mandant, Elizabeth Ellicott Poe; adjutant general. Villa Poe Wilson; in-Miss F. S. Wilson; aids, Mrs. James M. Thompson, Mrs. F. G. Odenheimer, Mrs. B. R. Russell, Miss Mary Baker and Mrs. H. B. Joy; honorary commandants, Mrs. George Dewey, Mrs. Hugh L. Scott and Mrs. Gisson Fahnestock. Training camp battalions. First Battalion, major. Anne Tracey. Company A. captain, C. B. Clotworthy; first lieutenant, J. Bigelow; second lieutenant, V. Wilder; sergeants, E. Russell and N. Barton. Company B. captain, D. Denys; first lieutenant, N. Gaither; second lieutenant, P. Cleveland and C. H. Smith. Second Battalion, major, Natalie Summer Lincoln. Company C. captain. R. C. Chisholm: first lieutenant, Mrs. C. H. Brown; second lieutenant, F. Williams; sergeants, N. Hopkins and C. Lippincott. Company D. captain, Mrs. C. Belknap; first lieutenant, R. Gilder; second lieutenant, F. Williams; sergeants, N. Hopkins and C. Lippincott. Company D. captain, Mrs. C. Belknap; first lieutenant, R. Gilder; second lieutenant, Georgiana Schofield; sergeants, F. McIver and Mrs. R. M. MacLennan.



Ship's Captain Kills Himself When Crazed Over Sufferings of His Men.

ong experience in observing military steamship Suffolk, caught in the ice in hunger and exposure, resulting in the the ship's captain, who, maddened by hunger and cold, shot himself, were the Newfoundland steamer Bellaven-

The crew of the Bellaventure, which has been in Russian waters for more than a year, met and talked with the three survivors, only one of whom, a Russian Finn, was physically able to recount his adventures. The other wo were not expected to recover. The Suffolk, supposedly having a cargo of war supplies, was caught in

the ice of the White sea with the first heavy freeze before the holidays. Heavy weather followed, the Russian Finn said, and finally not only food, but fuel to keep the men from freez-

Try to Reach Land on Foot. The suffering caused many of the

nen to lose their minds, and while in this state they succumbed. The ship's captain, crazed by the suffering of his nen, whom he was unable to aid, and himself exhausted and worn, commit-

When only ten survivors remained they decided to try to reach land on Among the jolly crowds that came to foot. Taking the scanty provisions camp early were forty-five young wom- remaining, they set forth on an en from Baltimore on a special train in eighty-mile trip across the ice. A charge of Miss Phyllis Cleveland, neavy blizzard set in and the party soon became scattered and lost. Only three were able to stick together, and

OFF FOR TRAINING CAMP.

Batteries From Fort Myer Give Exhibition March for Congress. Batteries D and E of the 2d Bat-

alion of the 3d Field Artillery, tationed at Fort Meyer, Va., completely equipped for field service, marched down Pennsylvania avenue this afternoon, passing the War Department, the White House and the United States Capitol, in parade formation, as a preliminary to their long march to the artillery training camp at Tobyhanna. Pa., where they will remain during the The organization of the training camp entire summer. The line of march was effected with these officers: Com- through this city was chosen by request for the special purpose of giving the members of the Senate and House utes to gain access to the building. spectors, Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker and Miss F. S. Wilson; aids, Mrs. James M. The two batteries left Fort Myer at

CREW'S FATE IS LEARNED "YEGGMEN" GET \$3,540 PASSES BILL FOR BRIDGE FROM CHACONAS' STORE Senate Agrees to Several Amend-

Blow Safe at 9th Street and Louisiana Avenue and Escape,

Leaving No Clue.

less of P. J. Chaconas, Louisiana avenue and 9th street northwest, between

explosive and obtained about \$2,500 in cash and \$1,000 worth of Jewelry. They the location of the bridge and the plans otographer who sneaked by her did related here today by the sailors of It was not until 5 o'clock this morn-

that the robbery became known. Then the police were appealed to, and Detective Weedon, night chief of detectives, sent several members of 'th force to begin an investigation

Detectives who visited the store failed to find anything to suggest the time the robbery was committed or to fur-nish a clue to the perpetrators of it. Not for eight or ten years has such a robbery been committed in this im-mediate vicinity, the detectives said.

Yeggmen Seen Here Recently.

The police believe the robbery was committed shortly before daylight yesterday. It is reported that men who have the reputation of being "veggmen" have been seen in this city during the past few days.

was one of the neatest jobs of its kind a charge of forgery. ever done in this section of the country. As far as is known the noise and made a sensational escape. He were prepared after Secretary Baker caused by the blowing of the safe was was rearrested, and from the order for not heard from the street, but the con- his extradition he sought release and later with Secretary Lansing and arations to deal with this situation dition of the door of the safe is mute testimony of the force of the blast.

off with some heavy blunt instrument was found on the floor near the safe. and the condition of the door made it clear that no drilling of holes in which to insert the explosive had been made. A bar of cheap rosin soap was used about the spindle hole to direct the flow of the explosive and prevent it from being wasted on the floor, the detectives stated, and an old coat beiong ing to an employe in the store was placed over the opening to deaden the sound of the explosion and prevent pieces of the metal from flying about. A ladder was placed against the coa to prevent the garment from falling and when the explosion occurred one step was blown from the ladder and the coat partly burned and blown into shreds. The explosive shattered the lock and made the opening of the steel door and the taking of the jewelry and cash an easy matter.

Quickly Done, Police Believe.

It is believed the robbers were in the store only a few minutes. Being apparently experts at auch work, the police state, it required but a few minutes to gain access to the building, knock off the knob and insert the explosive, or "soup," as it is called, and set off the short fuse that was used.

Because of the great number of similar robberies committed in post office in spectors, and had members of his command view the damaged safe.

Word has been passed from police mand view the damaged safe.

Word has been passed from police headquarters to have the police round up all suspicious persons who have been seen about the city the past few days, more especially those who are known as of arrests will be made.

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The strike settiment includes the doption of standard rules and regulations, including a rule sovering the state in was to arrange for military co-operation to this end, it is said, and not for discussion of the withdrawal of the American forces asked today for families who will be of benefit to the public of a constitution of the said and the construction of the said will be given been seen about the city the past few days, more especially those who are subjected to confer with the facto troops were are the construction of the said was all the was to arrange for military co-operation to this end, it is said, and not for discussion of the fact was formitted in post of discussion of the fact was formitted in the store only a few minutes. Being apparently experts at such work, the

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place the Aqueduct bridge, after agree ing to several amendments. ance with the views of Senator New midnight Saturday and 5 o'clock this lands of Nevada, provides that the Sec commission of fine arts in regard to commander of the expeditionary troops,

Amendments offered by the Senate committee on commerce make the tracks on reaching here from the border are and the suburbs. It was especially seing, when Mr. Chaconas and his employes appeared and opened the store, that the robbery became known. Then washington and Old Dominion railway. Washington and Old Dominion railway

LINCOLN LOSES APPEAL

Self-Confessed Spy Must Go Back to pital at Colonia Dublan. England for Trial on Forgery Charge.

through habeas corpus proceedings. The federal district court in eastern The brass knob of the door, battered New York refused to release him in these proceedings, and Lincoln appealed to the Supreme Court, which today af-

WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY.

Effect of Wage Advance to R. R.

SEWARD, Alaska, May 1.-Officials of he Alaska engineering commission in charge of work on the United States railroad said today that they did not believe the increase in wages granted to the employes a few days ago following a strike, would cause a corresponding increase in cost of construction and maintenance. They count upon the igher wages to attract the highest type of skilled labor from all parts of the country and increase the efficiency

MAY FIRST-MOVING DAY.

ments to Measure for \$1,000,000 Potomac Structure.

The Senate today passed the House

They were adopted.

The bill was passed without debate

The Supreme Court of the United States today held that Ignatius Timothy Tribich Lincoln former member of It is said by experienced detectives parliament and self-confessed spy. Baker today for their guidance in futhat the blowing of the Chaconas' safe | must go back to England for trial on

firmed the lower court. He claims that if returned to England he will be punished as a spy, contrary to the extradition treaty between the United States and Great Britain that no one shall be extradited for a political offense.

Strikers in Alaska Estimated.

CONFEREES AWAIT

Understood to Have Asked Permission to Discuss Withdrawal With Obregon.

WASHINGTON CONSIDERS SCOTT-FUNSTON REPORT

Latter Announces Only One More Session With the Mexican Representatives Will Be Held.

EL PASO, Tex., May 1 .- Resumption of the Scott-Funston-Obregon conference to consider the American military roblem in Mexico may not be under taken until late today or possibly toforrow, when it is believed officials in est reports sent them by the Amerian representatives of the War Depart

Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston announced at noon today that only one more conference would be held with the Mexican representatives on the military questions now existing between this country and Mexico. He said it would be brief. Gens. Scott and Funston are awaiting a reply from Washington before setting a time for the conference. he conference.
Gens. Scott and Funston worked far into the night preparing reports and code message was dispatched to the War Department just before daybreak It is understood the army officers have asked permission to take up the question of withdrawing the troops from Mexico, which Gen. Obregon, minister of war of the de facto government. brought to the fore at the conference

Unlikely to Settle Withdrawal.

That the conferences here will finally settle the withdrawal question is not believed. Washington, it is said, has suggested that the American representatives obtain all possible data that may be advanced by the Mexican conferees and forward a full report for the consideration of the State Department, which now has under advisement Carranza's request for withdraw-al of the American troops.

After concluding negotiations here for the withdrawal of the troops, Gens.

"In order to prevent

provoking hostility.
Obregon and his party think the conferences will be concluded by the mid-

Gen. Pershing Is Preparing. FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NAMIQUI-A, Chihuahua, May 1, by radio to Columbus, N. M .- Brig. Gen. Pershing is planning for every possible future development. Every report of the ad-

The scattered bands of Villa followers are being given no rest. Columns of cavalry are riding mercilessly on their trails. These fugitives, now in groups of two or three and now singly, are making their way far into the wilderness of the mountain region in their attempt to escape the Americans.

The scattered bands of Villa followers geons surrendered this geons surrendered this of the prisoners taker of the whole Sackville's Dublin is now in the higher attempt to escape the Americans. The new motor ambulances which re-ently reached the field headquarters service carrying the wounded from Parral and Tomochic to the field hos-

Additional Instructions Sent by Secretary Baker

to Conferees at El Paso Additional instructions were sent to Gens. Scott and Funston by Secretary ture discussions with Gen. Obregon, Carranza war minister, as to the situa-Lincoln was arrested in New York tion beyond the Mexican border. They had conferred with President Wilson Counselor Po lkof the State Depart-

> While no official would discuss the while no official would discuss the messages exchanged, it is known that Gen. Obregon's insistence that some agreement for the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico be reached as a basis of whatever other arrangements that are made by the conferces will be met with a clear statement that the Washington government has no present intention of recalling Gen. Pershing's forces. There is reason to believe that Gen. Scott will point out to the Carranza war minister that the disposal of the authorities, and committees have been set up in various districts to superintend there is virtually no money in Dublin, food vouchers will be issued either on the payment of a small sum or the promise to pay when possible. Deserving cases will be handled through free depots.
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> Rebel Plans Went Wrong.
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> The military plan of the rebels was the de facto government is threatened to seize and fortify the entire center. the de facto government is threatened by factional enemies within its own borders who would welcome an opportunity to rise against it.

Would Satisfy the President.

Whether Gen. Scott has been author- for the failure to hold Trinity College ized to state plainly to Gen. Obregon with the result that the soldiers soon the intention of the administration to had a formidable force and a powerful hold its ground in Mexico until Villa and his bandiis have been crushed is not known. There are many indications that this is the intention of President Wilson, however, although he is anxious to avoid any but the most pelling the rebels to keep under covering fact, as soon as the military ma-

ALL REBEL CHIEFS AMENDED ORDERS IN DUBLIN GIVE UP. LONDON REPORTS

ONE CENT.

Most of Their Followers Also Surrender Unconditionally to British.

'PRESIDENT" PEARCE QUIT TO SAVE LIVES, HE SAYS

Issues a Proclamation Announcing That Rebel Forces Were Hopelessly Outnumbered.

RUIN IN THE IRISH CAPITAL Damage Amounts to Millions of Del-

lars and Thousands of Persons Are on the Verge of Starvation. LONDON, May 1, 1:45 p.m .-

Official announcement was made this afternoon that all the rebel leaders in Dublin had surren-An official list of casualties

among the army officers at Dublin contains twenty-seven names. Of this total, five were killed, twenty-one wounded and one missing. This list is additional to the one announced Friday, giving the names of two officers killed and five wounded.

KINGSTOWN, Ireland, April 30, via London, May 1.-The proclamation in sued by "Proyisional President" Pearce at Dublin, advising the surrender of

for the withdrawal of the troops, Gens. Scott and Funston are expected to take up the proposition of co-operation by Carranza forces with the Americans in crushing the Villa bands. It is believed that Gen. Obregon before discussing this question will at least urge that the American troops retire to a restricted district just south of the border. The presence of United States troops on Mexican soil is said to be provisional government at head-provoking hostility. the units of the republican forces will

Main Rebel Body Gives Up. The main body of the Sinn Fein reb els in Dublin surrendered during the course of the day.

There was, however, considerable vanced cavalry columns and those The rebels in the College of Sur-

geons surrendered this morning. of the prisoners taken here was the The whole Sackville street district of Dublin is now in the hands of the soldiers and the fires are under control. The appearance of the central part of The appearance of the central part of the city is remarkable. There is no doubt that Dublin will show the scars of its experiences for a long time to come. Many of the city's important buildings are in ruins, and hundreds more show the effects of incendiary fires, artillery shells and vandalism.

Damage by Fire Serious.

The damage by fire is far greater than from the fighting. The most important work of the next few days will be the problem of providing for the people. Already the city has assumed the appearance of a town full of refugees. For a week no work has been done, and no work means no money for thousands whose existence depends on their daily earnings. The military authorities declare they are making prepadequately and promptly, without re-

gard for red tape.

An inventory has been made of all the foodstuffs at the disposal of the au

to seize and fortify the entire center of the city, taking up outpost positions at various strategic points which would command the approaches. The idea would have been more successful but pelling the rebels to keep under cover.
In fact, as soon as the military machine began to work smoothly the rebels were reduced to sniping tactice.

The looting was done mostly in the early hours of the disturbance and appears to have been the work mainly of women. The rebel leaders did everything possible to prevent the looting, even shooting some of their own adherents who were caught red-handed.